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Dallas, Texas

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000): 1,188,580
- Race/Ethnicity (2000): 34.6% white; 25.6% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.7% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% some other race; 1.1% two or more races; 35.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Dallas is located in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties.

Politics

- Mayor: Laura Miller²
- City Manager: Teodoro J. Benavides³
- City Council Committee Assignments (Districts 1-14, respectively): Dr. Elba Garcia; John Loza (Deputy Mayor Pro Tem); Mark Housewright; Maxine Thornton-Reese; Donald W. Hill (Mayor Pro Tem); Ed Oakley; Leo V. Chaney; James L. Fantroy; Mary Poss; Alan Walne; Lois Finkelman; Sandy Greyson; Mitchell Rasansky; Vetetta Forsythe Lill.⁴
- Chief of Police: Terrell D. Bolton⁵
- Collin County Sheriff: Terry G. Box⁶
- Dallas County Sheriff: Jim Bowles⁷
- Denton County Sheriff: Weldon Lucas⁸
- Kaufman County Sheriff: David Byrnes⁹
- Rockwall County Sheriff: Harold Eaverson¹⁰

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)¹¹
The North Texas HIDTA was designated by ONDCP in 1998 and is headquartered in Dallas. The following counties are involved with the HIDTA: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Lubbock, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Texas.
- Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (GDCADA)¹²
Since the council was founded in 1946, it has developed campaigns to reduce the incidence and impact of alcohol and drug abuse. Some of the GDCADA services and programs include education classes for drug offenders and DWI offenders, school-based prevention programs, a prevention resource center, and community service/restitution programs.

Federal Funding

- Drug Free Communities Support Program¹³
Since Drug-Free Communities funds were first available to community groups in FY 1998, only one Dallas coalition has received funding. In FY 2000, the Girl Scouts of Tejas Council received \$100,000.

- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹⁴
Two areas in Dallas (Ferguson Road and Old East Dallas) have been officially recognized as Weed and Seed sites.
- FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds received in Dallas:¹⁵
 - \$288,137 to La Sima Foundation, Inc. Project period 9/30/99-9/29/02.
 - \$538,000 to Turtle Creek Manor, Inc. Project period 9/30/01-9/29/04.
- Dallas did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.¹⁶
- Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grants received in Dallas during FY 2001:¹⁷
 - Grove Village Apartments, LTD received \$125,000.
- FY 2001 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Dallas:¹⁸
 - \$7,447,692 in formula funds
 - \$3,751,323 in discretionary funds
- Dallas did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.¹⁹

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2000 in Dallas, there were 105,050 crime index offenses known to police.²⁰ This number increased in 2001 to 111,006.²¹ Preliminary data show that there were 53,530 crime index offenses known to police from January to June 2002 in Dallas.²²

Number of Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Dallas, 2000-June 2002

| Offense Type | Full Year 2000 | Full Year 2001 | Jan-June 2002 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | 231 | 240 | 78 |
| Forcible rape | 633 | 660 | 309 |
| Robbery | 7,046 | 8,330 | 3,603 |
| Aggravated assault | 8,132 | 8,546 | 4,054 |
| Burglary | 20,300 | 20,635 | 9,798 |
| Larceny/theft | 50,777 | 53,611 | 26,897 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 17,931 | 18,984 | 8,791 |
| Arson | 1,380 | 1,655 | 855 |
| Crime Index Total | 105,050 | 111,006 | 53,530 |

- There were 359 arrests for marijuana possession in Collin County during 2001.²³
- During 2001, there were 10,135 arrests for drug offenses in Dallas County.²⁴
- In Denton County during 2001, there were 1,109 arrests for drug possession.²⁵
- There were 405 arrests for drug offenses in Kaufman County during 2001.²⁶
- During 2001, there were 246 arrests for marijuana possession in Rockwall County.²⁷

Substance-Related Arrests, by County, 2001

| Selected Offenses | Collin | Dallas | Denton | Kaufman | Rockwall |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| DWI | 980 | 7,906 | 1,381 | 243 | 326 |
| Liquor laws | 264 | 1,067 | 439 | 58 | 147 |
| Public intoxication | 1,504 | 20,530 | 1,985 | 246 | 297 |
| Drug trafficking (all drugs) | 64 | 1,605 | 138 | 53 | 32 |
| Possession (all drugs) | 995 | 8,503 | 1,109 | 352 | 399 |
| Marijuana trafficking | 12 | 85 | 29 | 18 | 7 |
| Marijuana possession | 659 | 3,877 | 780 | 186 | 246 |
| All drug offenses | 1,059 | 10,135 | 1,247 | 405 | 431 |

- Almost 52% of adult male arrestees in Dallas tested positive for drug use at the time of arrest in 2001.²⁸

Percent of Adult Male Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, Dallas, 2001

| Drug | 2001 |
|------------------------|-------|
| Cocaine | 30.4% |
| Opiates | 4.8 |
| Marijuana | 32.9 |
| Methamphetamine | 1.7 |
| PCP | 2.3 |
| Any of the above drugs | 51.8 |
| Multiple drugs | 24.2 |

- During 2001, 44% of adult male arrestees reported using marijuana in the past year. Among the male arrestees who reported past year use of marijuana, the average number of days the substance was used in the past month was 11.3 days.²⁹

Past Drug Use, Adult Male Arrestees, Dallas, 2001

| Use | Crack cocaine | Powder cocaine | Marijuana | Meth-amphet. | Opiates |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|---------|
| Past 7 days | 14.4% | 9.7% | 33.5% | 2.0% | 3.9% |
| Past 30 days | 16.8% | 10.4% | 38.3% | 2.3% | 4.2% |
| Past year | 18.3% | 14.2% | 44.0% | 4.9% | 7.0% |
| Average # of days used in month | 10.3 | 6.6 | 11.3 | 6.4 | 8.9 |

Drugs

- Cocaine
A gram of powder cocaine sells for \$50-\$100 and an ounce of powder cocaine sells for \$500-\$1,200 in Dallas. An ounce of crack cocaine sells for \$500-\$800.³⁰
- Heroin
Black tar heroin is more expensive than other forms of heroin. Colombian heroin sells for \$2,000 per ounce and \$75,000-\$80,000 per kilogram. The average purity level for heroin found in Dallas is 14.2%.³¹

- **Marijuana**
Marijuana is readily available in the Dallas area. Indoor-grown (sinsemilla) sells for \$750-\$1,200 per pound in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.³² Commercial grade marijuana sells for \$300-\$800 per pound.³³
- **Methamphetamine**
A pound of Mexican methamphetamine sells for \$5,800-\$9,000.³⁴
- **Club Drugs**
MDMA sells for \$10-\$40 per dose; PCP sells for \$10 per dose and \$500 per ounce; GHB sells for \$20 per dose and \$500-\$900 per gallon; and a dose of LSD sells for \$0.60-\$10.³⁵
- **Diverted Pharmaceuticals**
Ritalin and generic methylphenidate are the most commonly diverted controlled substances in the Dallas area. According to the Dallas DEA, alprazolam is another commonly abused diverted drug and sells for \$3-\$10 per tablet. According to the Dallas-Fort Worth DEA field division, Dilaudid sells for \$20-\$80 per tablet. Soma sells for \$2-\$25 per tablet; hydrocodone sells for \$4-\$10 per tablet; OxyContin sells for \$15-\$40 per tablet; and methadone sells for \$10 per tablet.³⁶

Juveniles

- During 2001 in Dallas, male high school students were twice as likely as female high school students were to report the use of marijuana before the age of 13.³⁷

Percent of Students Reporting Selected Drug Use, by Gender, Dallas, 2001

| | Female | Male | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Lifetime marijuana use | 37.5% | 49.9% | 43.5% |
| Current marijuana use | 15.8 | 25.2 | 20.4 |
| Lifetime cocaine use | 9.4 | 11.4 | 10.4 |
| Current cocaine use | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| Lifetime inhalant use | 11.9 | 10.6 | 11.3 |
| Current inhalant use | 3.8 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| Lifetime heroin use | 2.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Lifetime methamphetamine use | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| Lifetime illegal steroid use | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Lifetime injecting illegal drug use | 0.8 | 2.9 | 1.8 |
| Tried marijuana before age 13 years | 9.2 | 18.5 | 13.7 |

Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 3,503 law enforcement employees in Dallas (2,892 officers and 611 civilians).³⁸
- Northern Texas HIDTA initiatives include:³⁹
 - North Texas Major Drug Organizations Initiative- This initiative investigates and targets the command and control structure of the drug trafficking organizations, along with their front companies and trafficking methodologies.
 - Collin-Denton Counties Drug Task Force Initiative- This initiative works to identify major drug trafficking organizations operating in the Northern region of the North Texas HIDTA.

- Other North Texas HIDTA initiatives include the Management and Coordination Initiative; North Texas Money Laundering/Financial Initiative; North Texas HIDTA Violent Crime Initiative; Fort Worth Regional Major Narcotics Case Initiative; The Hybrid Drug Traffickers Initiative; and the Significant Smuggling Organization Initiative.

Trafficking and Seizures

- The Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan region is the ninth largest and the third fastest growing metropolitan area in the country, and the North Texas HIDTA encompasses most of this area. Mexican poly-drug trafficking organizations establish their base of operations in this area for two reasons, the area's close proximity to the Mexican border and its centralized location in the U.S.⁴⁰

Courts

- Drug Courts⁴¹
As of January 8, 2003, there was one drug court in Dallas that has been operating for over 2 years. There are no additional drug courts in existence or being planned.
- During FY 2001, 28.2% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Northern Texas were charged with committing a drug offense. Methamphetamine was involved in 30.9% of the drug cases.⁴²

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Northern Texas, FY 2001

| Drug Type Involved | Offenses | % of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Methamphetamine | 101 | 30.9% |
| Marijuana | 79 | 24.2 |
| Powder cocaine | 67 | 20.5 |
| Crack cocaine | 54 | 16.5 |
| Heroin | 9 | 2.8 |
| Other | 17 | 5.2 |

Corrections

- During FY 2001, there were 462 substance abuse offenders convicted in Dallas County.⁴³
- 19,528 offenders in prison during FY 2001 were convicted in Dallas County.⁴⁴

Number of Incarcerated Offenders, by County of Conviction, FY 2001

| | Collin | Dallas | Denton |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Substance abuse offenders | 44 | 462 | 30 |
| State jail population | 93 | 1,438 | 87 |
| Prison population | 1,119 | 19,528 | 1,445 |

Consequences of Use

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 2,638 drug-related emergency department (ED) episodes in Dallas from January to June 2002 reported to the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN).⁴⁵
- During full year 2001, there were 6,500 ED episodes.⁴⁶

Number of ED Episodes and Mentions, Selected Drugs, Dallas, 1998-June 2002

| | Full Year 1998 | Full Year 1999 | Full Year 2000 | Full Year 2001 | Jan-June 2002 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Alcohol-in-combination | 2,024 | 1,673 | 1,870 | 1,786 | 670 |
| Cocaine | 2,586 | 2,106 | 2,180 | 1,770 | 654 |
| Heroin/morphine | 500 | 428 | 478 | 443 | 147 |
| Marijuana | 1,510 | 1,172 | 1,225 | 1,049 | 364 |
| Amphetamines | 336 | 307 | 351 | 378 | 143 |
| Methamphetamine | 186 | 100 | 135 | 111 | -- |
| MDMA | 15 | 24 | 71 | 77 | 31 |
| Ketamine | 0 | 3 | 10 | 11 | -- |
| LSD | 93 | 105 | 64 | 43 | 4 |
| PCP | 62 | 95 | 120 | 96 | 59 |
| Miscellaneous hallucinogens | 7 | 11 | 12 | -- | 0 |
| Rohypnol | 7 | 5 | 4 | 8 | -- |
| GHB | 160 | 156 | 169 | 128 | 53 |
| Inhalants | 44 | 53 | 49 | 45 | 2 |
| Combination not tabulated above | 8 | 9 | -- | -- | 20 |
| Total drug episodes | 7,198 | 6,245 | 6,796 | 6,500 | 2,638 |
| Total drug mentions | 13,405 | 11,445 | 12,476 | 12,114 | 4,729 |

- During 2001, there were 285 drug-related deaths reported to DAWN by Medical Examiners (ME) in Dallas County.⁴⁷

Number of Drug Abuse Deaths and Drug Mentions, Dallas County, 1998-2000

| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Alcohol-in-combination | 174 | 133 | 119 | 100 | 115 |
| Cocaine | 126 | 130 | 132 | 140 | 163 |
| Heroin/morphine | 62 | 62 | 68 | 81 | 69 |
| Marijuana | 98 | 85 | 84 | 70 | 50 |
| Amphetamines | 10 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| Methamphetamine | 17 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 30 |
| Club drugs | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Hallucinogens | -- | -- | 4 | 7 | 18 |
| Inhalants | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Narcotic analgesics | 49 | 42 | 46 | 83 | 66 |
| Other analgesics | 34 | 34 | 34 | 25 | 16 |
| Benzodiazepines | 52 | 41 | 45 | 63 | 42 |
| Antidepressants | 73 | 63 | 68 | 61 | 46 |
| All other substances | 186 | 156 | 117 | 167 | 77 |
| Total drug deaths | 329 | 316 | 273 | 271 | 285 |
| Total drug mentions | 885 | 760 | 728 | 828 | 705 |

- During 2001, there were 365 drug-related deaths in the Dallas area (includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties).⁴⁸

Number of Medical Examiner Mentions, Dallas Area*, 1997-2001

| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Alcohol-in-combination | 194 | 147 | 134 | 116 | 138 |
| Cocaine | 140 | 138 | 153 | 157 | 185 |
| Heroin/morphine | 73 | 69 | 77 | 94 | 76 |
| Marijuana | 109 | 90 | 98 | 74 | 65 |
| Amphetamines | 14 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| Methamphetamine | 18 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 37 |
| Club drugs | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 11 |
| Hallucinogens | -- | -- | 4 | 7 | 19 |
| Inhalants | -- | -- | -- | 4 | 1 |
| Narcotic analgesics | 67 | 60 | 61 | 101 | 115 |
| Other analgesics | 40 | 36 | 43 | 30 | 30 |
| Benzodiazepines | 62 | 56 | 52 | 73 | 60 |
| Antidepressants | 83 | 84 | 78 | 87 | 71 |
| All other substances | 221 | 176 | 139 | 189 | 110 |
| Total drug deaths | 379 | 355 | 321 | 320 | 365 |
| Total drug mentions | 1,025 | 872 | 856 | 971 | 922 |

*1998 and 1999 data includes Collin, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties.

Henderson and Hunt Counties did not provide information in 2000. Henderson, Hunt, and Rockwall Counties did not provide data in 2001.

Treatment

- During 2001, there were 10 youth admissions to substance abuse treatment in Collin County.⁴⁹
- There were 52 total youth substance abuse treatment admission in Dallas County during 2001.⁵⁰
- Denton County reported 12 youth admissions to substance abuse treatment during 2001.⁵¹
- There were less than 4 youth admissions to substance abuse treatment in Kaufman County during 2001.⁵² There were also less than 4 youth admissions in Rockwall County.⁵³
- During 2001, there were 42 adult treatment admissions in Collin County.⁵⁴
- In Dallas County during 2001, there were a total of 155 adult substance abuse treatment admissions.⁵⁵
- There were 16 adult admissions to substance abuse treatment facilities in Denton County during 2001.⁵⁶
- Kaufman County reported 5 adult substance abuse treatment admission in 2001.⁵⁷
- There were less than four adult substance abuse treatment admissions in Rockwall County during 2001.⁵⁸

Number of Adult Treatment Admissions, Dallas Counties, 2001

| | Collin | Dallas | Denton | Kaufman | Rockwall |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Total Adult Admissions | 42 | 155 | 69 | 5 | * |
| Alcohol | 10 | 42 | 23 | -- | -- |
| Amphetamine | 10 | 11 | 16 | * | -- |
| Cocaine (powder) | 9 | 6 | 6 | -- | -- |
| Crack | * | 59 | 5 | -- | -- |
| Downers | * | * | 4 | -- | -- |
| Heroin | 6 | 17 | 4 | -- | -- |
| Marijuana | -- | 11 | 9 | -- | -- |
| Other drugs | * | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Other opiates | * | 6 | * | -- | * |

* Number of admissions for the substance is less than 4. The real number is not reported to protect patient identities.

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